



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
CITY OF CHICAGO

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September 10, 2019

Joseph Ferguson
Inspector General
City of Chicago
Office of Inspector General
740 N. Sedgwick Street, Suite 200
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Re: Request for Investigation

Inspector General Ferguson,

I am writing to request that the Public Safety Inspector General initiate an investigation into the accessing of law enforcement databases by members of the Chicago Police Department related to speakers at Police Board meetings. When this practice first arose, Mayor Lightfoot was advised that the practice went back to "at least" 2013. However, in response to a recent FOIA request the Chicago Police Department produced and referenced materials dating as far back as 2006 (see attached CPD response letter).

While Mayor Lightfoot directed that the practice cease, upon its discovery by her, the recent discrepancy in time frame is of concern to the Mayor. As a result, she is asking that your office conduct a thorough investigation into the matter to determine the impetus of this practice and to ensure that confidential law enforcement databases, LEADs, juvenile court records, or any other confidential database were, and are not currently being, improperly accessed by existing City employees. Understanding the full historical background of this practice is necessary to determine if additional intervention is needed or disciplinary action.

Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark A. Flessner", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark A. Flessner
Corporation Counsel